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## Message



Holi, the festival of colours is here. It is a time, when people come together to clean their houses, streets, collect dry wood for Holika bonfire and then play together with colours on the next day - Dhuleti, leaving all their worries behind. It is also an occasion when people celebrate with energy irrespective of cast and creed, religion. Families come together, friends gather and they renew those dusted relationships. Holi gives us the message to forgive even our enemies and play with them, celebrate with them and make friends with them.

Holika bonfire symbolizes an opportunity to burn all that is evil in us. People collect all the junk and put that into the bonfire that evening symbolizing that they are burning all that is evil in their lives.

As we celebrate Holi on March 1st this year, let's not just make it just another day to party and have fun. Let's take some of the life lessons Holi teaches us and enrich our lives with love, harmony and peace.

Wishing all my students, staff, colleagues and their families a very joyful and colourful Holi.

  
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## **From the Editorial Desk**

### **TOWARDS A BETTER ENVIRONMENT**

Concern with the environment is imperative for us because we live from it; we live in it; and we live with it. By saying that 'we live from it' is meant that it provides us the means to our livelihood. It is the source of raw materials for productive activities. So much so that 'we mine its resources; cultivate and harvest its fruits; shape the contours of the land for human habitation, roads, and dredge rivers for transport. We live in it means that 'the environment is not just a physical precondition for human life and productive activity; it is where we lead our daily lives We live with the environment in the sense that the environment existed prior to our arrival and shall outlast us on earth. It is given to us, we have not created it.

We are now realizing that the cause for environmental degradation is not need but greed, our natural and unnatural desire to accumulate more and more. According to experts the criterion of distinguishing between a natural or real, and a non-natural, artificial or contrived desire is that 'natural desires are quenched easily: thirst by water, hunger by food. But the craving for possession is an artificial one; it goes on unceasingly and is never fully satisfied'. to revere traditional wisdom along with modern eco-friendly practices and learn to live in sync with the environment.



**Prof. (Dr.) Meenu Saraf**

**"Sooner or later, we will have to recognise that the Earth has rights, too, to live without pollution. What mankind must know is that human beings cannot live without Mother Earth, but the planet can live without humans."**

**-Evo Morales**